

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2437**

**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No.: 09812.0590-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Taizo SHIRAI et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2437
Application No.: 09/982,711	)	
	)	Examiner: Nadia Khoshnoodi
Filed: October 18, 2001	)	
	)	Confirmation Number: 8666
For: INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE,	)	
INFORMATION PLAYBACK DEVICE,	)	
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM,	)	
INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD,	)	
INFORMATION PLAYBACK METHOD,	)	
AND PROVIDING MEDIUM	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2009, the period for response to which extends through December 1, 2009, Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.